



E-mail Announcements for March 16, 2010

COUNTY

JCPenney-Roseville Fundraiser-Volunteers Needed!

When you shop at the ROSEVILLE JCPenney store between March 24 and April 6 and round up your purchase to the next whole dollar, the JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to the Macomb County **4-H Youth Development Programs**. This is a great opportunity for all of us to support our local 4-H programs by "rounding up" our purchases! Spread the word to your family and friends.

We are looking for clubs to volunteer at the JCPenney Round-Up on Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in two hour shifts. You and your club will represent 4-H and make pancakes and smoothies for customers as they enter the store. Each person that helps that day will receive a **\$15 JCPenney gift card!** Call Rachel Calcaterra at 586-783-8163 or email Rachel.calcaterra@macombcountymi.gov to volunteer.

Kids Helping Kids (Silent Auction Benefit)

We are asking 4-H families to donate items for the auction. Items can be themed baskets, gift certificates, handmade items, or any gift that you feel can bring in some money to benefit those in need in HAITI. It will be held at Armada H.S. at 6:30 pm on March 31, 2010. **Together 4-H Can Make a Difference!** For more information and drop off locations-call Haley Waterstraat at 586-727-3030 or email alaynew@peoplepc.com

***Register Now for Exploration Days ***

The 2010 4-H Exploration Days registration books are now available online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/edregbk.html> or at the 4-H office. Registration for 4-H Exploration Days begins at 9 a.m. on March 23rd. Forms received before that date will be kept on file until March 23rd and entered in the order they are received. The cost for a 4-H member to attend full-time is \$165. Non-members pay an additional \$10 participation fee. A deposit of \$80 is due at the time of registration. The balance is due on or before the date of the Exploration Days Orientation scheduled for June 3rd at 6:30 pm. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Exploration Days is June 23-25, 2010 at MSU. This conference is for youths who are ages 11 or older by January 1, 2010. Sessions fill quickly, so register early! Call 586-469-6431 for more information. See 4-H website for Exploration Days Scholarship applications – both MSUE (\$40) and Macomb County 4-H Council(\$45) : http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm.

Making the Most of Your Money in 2010

Parents and youth are invited to attend this half day FREE conference sponsored by Michigan State University Extension-Macomb and United Way of Southeastern Michigan. The conference will be held on April 24 at the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) at 44001 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, 48038 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Adult participants will be able to attend two different workshops from a variety of choices to include: Budget with a Purpose, Grow Your Money, Stretch Your Food Dollars, Prevent Foreclosure, Take Charge of Your Credit, Family Fun for Less, or Is Bankruptcy the Answer?

The conference will also offer two financial classes for youth 4th grade and up. Youth who attend Be Your Own Boss will learn how other young people became entrepreneurs and will get to explore money making ideas for youth. During the Dollars and Sense session youth will play interactive games to see how their spending and saving habits add up.

Making the Most of Your Money in 2010 Conference will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Those interested in attending must register by April 19th by calling 586-469-7614.

Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship Available

The Armada Fair invites you to apply for the Bill Hahn Memorial Scholarship for 2010. If you are a high school senior and plan on attending an institution of higher learning you are welcome to submit an application. The scholarship will be awarded to one high school graduating senior male and one high school graduating female at \$500.00 each. The applicant must have been a volunteer, employee, open class or 4-H exhibitor of the

Armada Fair to apply. Applications must be postmarked no later than April 15th and may be mailed to the Armada Agricultural Society, PO Box 507, Armada, MI 48005 or dropped off at the Armada Fair office during normal business hours. Applications are available on-line at armadafair.org or by calling the fair office at 586.784.5488. Feel free to contact us if you have questions or require additional information. Our congratulations to all of the high school seniors!

*****FLYGILITY Still Accepting Registrations*****

Dog Project members may still sign up for K-9 & Ko's Flygility, Crafts, and Games on March 27th, at Bark-A-Bout. Michelle must receive your registration by **March 19th**. Some rebates are still available. Details and registration form are on the flyer you have all received. If you need another flyer, contact Michelle (586-770-1077).

*****Project Clover 5K Run/Walk******

Project Clover provides quality meat products to local food pantries or soup kitchens while supporting/purchasing 4-H youth livestock projects sold during the 4-H Livestock Sale. During tough economic times, many families can't afford protein enriched food, especially meat. Project Clover connects 4-H members to the community by contributing a variety of quality meat products such as beef, swine, lamb, goats, poultry and rabbits.

Project Clover is proud to host its first annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 5th 2010 at the Armada Fairgrounds. All registered racers/walkers receive a t-shirt and top runners/walkers will be recognized at the end of the race. There is even a 1 mile fun run for kids. Registration forms are online: <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/livestock.html> . For more information contact Jennifer @ 810.395.2257 or Becky at 586.784.9846.

*****Workshop on Team-Building*****

Please join the 4-H club and mentor programs on Thursday, April 1, for a Life Skills Training on teamwork. We will be learning several different lessons on teamwork. These fun activities will be hands-on, interactive learning experiences that demonstrate that two heads are better than one. These experiential "mind teasers" are a lot of fun and teach a good lesson. The program will be held at the 4-H office from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided. You must RSVP to Rachel at 586-783-8163 or rcalca@macombcountymi.gov by Wednesday, March 31st. Hope to see you there!

*****4-H Superintendent –Leader Meeting*****

We invite all 4-H Superintendents and Club Leaders involved in the fair to join MSUE 4-H and the Armada Agricultural Society Fair Board members in a planning meeting scheduled for Monday, April 19 at the MSU Extension Office Senior Auditorium. Dinner will be served at 6:15 pm and the meeting will start at 6:30 pm. Fair books and forms will be distributed to leaders at this meeting. Topics will include Sunday judging, updates, fairgrounds clean up, sign up for 4-H petting farm and exhibit building. This is a wonderful opportunity for both 4-H and Fair Superintendents to discuss their respective departments and work out details for this year's 2010 Armada Fair. To ensure enough food and materials are available, please RSVP by Thursday, April 15 by calling 586-469-6431 or emailing macomb4h@macombcountymi.gov.

*****Horse Program Committee Meeting*****

The next Horse Program Committee is March 22nd at Camp Rotary at 7:00pm. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6:00pm, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

*****4-H Livestock Sale Meeting Location Change*****

The next 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting will be held at the Armada Fair Grounds either at the Board Office or Grange Hall on April 26th at 7:00 pm. All Livestock Clubs who participate in the Sale are strongly encouraged to send a representative to learn about updates to the 4-H Sale and provide input. Please note also the tagging for Swine, Lambs and Goats will be held on Sunday, June 13th from **10:00 AM to NOON**. PQA certification training will be held on Sunday, June 13th from noon to 2:00 pm in the Grange Hall.

*****4-H Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Promotion*****

Help spread the word about this National Promotion and Partnership with our local Tractor Supply Companies. Starting Friday, March 26 through Sunday, April 18th, local Tractor Supply Companies will be selling 4-H Paper Clovers for \$1 that are then prominently displayed in their stores. Sixty percent of each paper clover sold will go directly to the county 4-H program, 10% will go to the State 4-H office and 4-H Foundation and the other 30% will go to National 4-H Council to underwrite the cost of the program. We have two TSC located in Macomb County :

NEW HAVEN

57155 GRATIOT AVE NEW HAVEN, MI 48048
(586) 749-6162 -Speak to Frank, Marie, or Dean

ROMEO

66030 VAN DYKE RD WASHINGTON, MI 48095
(586) 752-5781 Charlie, Kera, or Pat

It would be great for 4-H clubs to show their support by having a club display/demonstration during this promotion. If you are able/interested please make arrangements with the store managers listed above

STATE NEWS

*****Companion Animal Teen & Adult Leader Workshop*****

This event for youth 4-H age 13 or older and adult volunteers takes place at Kettunen Center on May 15-16. Participants can take 7 of the 14 educational sessions offered (Obedience Foundations, Novice Open and Utility Exercises, More Obedience, Agility, Freestyle, Hunting Dogs, Showmanship, Grooming, Rally, Cat Show, Judging, Dog Craft, When to Call the Vet, Weight Pulling). Evening activities include Dog Jeopardy. The cost is \$52. 4-H Council Scholarships are available to participants. Registrations are due to the county 4-H office by April 30th. For more information, go to <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/4htrain.html>. This is workshop #715.

*****Beef Fitting Clinic*****

This clinic will be held on Sunday, May 16 at the Eastern Michigan Fairgrounds in Imlay City. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Clinic begins at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided.

Bring your steer or heifer to this day long event. You will learn proper hair care, fitting and clipping of target areas. Registration deadline is May 5th. Cost is only \$5. Registration form can be found on Macomb County 4-H website at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/livestock.html>

*****State 4-H Goat Expo*****

The State 4-H Goat Expo will be held on Saturday April 24, 2010 at MSU campus at Anthony Hall. Events include Quiz Bowl, Skillathon, Judging, Crafts/Arts, Problem Solving, Writing Exhibits, Educational Posters, Photography and Illustrated Talk. There is both Junior (9-14) and Senior (15-19) Divisions. Cost is \$2 per participant and \$2 per contest. Registration forms are due to the county office by March 26 and can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/aniscipr.html>

*****2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities*****

2010 Foreign Exchange Opportunities are now listed on the State 4-H website.

They include inbound and outbound Belize, Costa Rican and Japanese exchanges, and outbound programs to Poland and Australia. Some of these programs have February 1 application deadlines. To get more information and forms, go to the state website, select Global and Cultural Education from the "Select a Program" pull down menu. From there select International Exchange programs and scroll down 2010 4-H Exchange Opportunities. (<http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/culture.html>.) If you need help on an outbound program from the 4-H Office or want to host an inbound program, contact Anne at 469-6431.

*****Japanese Exchange Hosts Needed*****

The Incoming Japanese Exchange program needs 35 more host families before May 1st. If you are interested, contact Anne at 469-6431 as soon as possible because the application/ approval process takes some time.

There is an application to fill out, criminal background check to complete, confidential references to secure, and an in-home visit from a Macomb County 4-H staffer.

***** State Veterinarian Urges Pet and Livestock Owners to Vaccinate Against Rabies*****

Rabid horse identified in Lapeer County is state's third rabies case this year

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Department of Agriculture's (MDA) State Veterinarian Dr. Steven Halstead today urged Michigan citizens to be pro-active and have their pets and livestock vaccinated against rabies and other diseases after confirmation that a horse in Lapeer County tested positive for rabies.

"It is essential pet and livestock owners take steps to vaccinate against rabies and other diseases because of the possibility human exposure to the disease from interaction with infected horses, cattle, dogs, and cats," Dr. Halstead said. "By working with their veterinarian, owners can take significant steps toward providing a safe and healthy environment for their families and animals."

A quarantine was issued on the Lapeer County horse farm and will be monitored by county animal control officers. Feral cats and any pet cat on the premises showing clinical signs consistent with rabies or with a history of biting someone within the previous 10 days will be tested. Six people, including the owner, trainer, and veterinarian, that may have been exposed to the rabid horse are receiving a series of preventative rabies shots. No other humans or animals are known to have been exposed at this time. This is the third case of rabies in Michigan thus far in 2010 - a skunk was found to be rabid in St. Clair County and a bat was found to be rabid in Kent County.

A standard vaccination program for pets and livestock includes vaccinations required by law, along with vaccinations for diseases commonly found throughout the state. Licensed vaccines are also available for horses, cows, sheep and goats.

"It is important to make sure animals attending fairs or exhibitions, field trials or shows receive additional vaccinations to protect against diseases they may be exposed to in group housing or stressful situations. Owners should consult their private veterinarian to develop an appropriate vaccination program specific for their animals," Halstead said.

State law requires ferrets and dogs be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. It is also important to make sure that cats kept indoors also be vaccinated as bats frequently get into homes exposing the cats.

Dr. Halstead also recommends the following vaccinations:

- All horses against rabies, Eastern/Western Equine Encephalitis, Tetanus, and West Nile Virus.
- Having dogs checked for heartworm and intestinal parasites, along with vaccinations against canine distemper, parvovirus, and adenovirus.
- Having cats checked for heartworm and internal parasites and vaccinations for cats include rabies, herpes virus, calicivirus, and panleukopenia.

For more information on pet and livestock vaccination requirements, please visit www.michigan.gov/mda. For the latest information on rabies visit www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases.

NATIONAL NEWS

*****New 4-H Resource Guides Now available from National 4-H Supply Service *****

The 4 new resources are: Dog Training, Horse Training, Digital Photography and Poultry. The 4-H Office has ordered one copy of each if you want to check them out before ordering. Learn more - visit <http://4hlists.org/t/3750665/1063695/891/0/>

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